

WHAT'S NEW

New Hampshire Public Library Annual Report 2002 (NHPLAR)

Changes

- Deadline dates for submitting your Fiscal Year 2002 NHPLAR:
 - July 2001/June 2002 Reporting Libraries – deadline September 30, 2002
 - January 2002/December 2002 Reporting Libraries – deadline March 3, 2003
- Where to submit your completed NHPLAR – Please send your 2002 NHPLAR via surface mail or van delivery to:
Susan M. Palmatier
State Data Coordinator
New Hampshire State Library
North Country Office
244 Main Street
Lancaster NH 03584-3038
Van: Lancaster – NHSL/NCO
- Question 60 (TECHNOLOGY) asks how many PCs and laptops are in your library. The type, speed, and manufacturer of the computers are no longer required.

New Questions

- Question 17c. – Internet address of the branch library if different from that of the central library
(The URL for your branch library if it differs from the URL for the central library.)
- Question 57 – How many volunteers does your library have?
(The number of individuals who volunteered in your library during the reporting year.)
- Question 80 – Meeting room usage for **library** functions
*(The number of **times** your meeting room was used during the reporting year for library-sponsored functions.)*
- Question 82 – Was your library involved in a warrant article during the reporting year?
(A box has been added to report whether your library was involved in a warrant article to create alternate trustees according to RSA 202-A:6. If so, please report the number of alternates. Also report the new number of regular trustees if the number has been changed by warrant article.)
- Question 84 – During the reporting year, did the library acquire real property (i.e., land or buildings)?
b. Who signed the deed?
(Report whether the selectmen or the Board of Trustees signed the deed for any real property acquired.)

The purpose of this question is to ascertain the ownership status of real property newly acquired by NH libraries. Although historically state law has been interpreted as allowing only selectmen to purchase and sell town property, one Superior Court judge recently ruled that it was possible for another agency to buy its own. The answers will enable Library Development Services to determine whether there is a trend in purchase and sale practices.

- Question 85a., b., and c. – Adoption of empowering legislation
(a. Whether your town meeting has adopted and not rescinded the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-c allowing the Board of Trustees to accept gifts of money; b. whether your town meeting has adopted and not rescinded the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-d allowing the Board of Trustees to accept gifts of personal property; c. whether your town or city has adopted and not rescinded the provisions of RSA 202-A:11 allowing the library to retain the money from income-generating equipment.)

The purpose of this question is to ascertain whether all NH libraries are able to accept gifts and retain income from equipment, to have on record the date of adoption of those provisions, and to remind librarians and trustees that these powers are available. The answers will enable Library Development Services to serve you better when questions arise about gifts, donations, bequests, and equipment revenue.